Statement

Funds released for various towns in Bihar, under the Scheme of IDSMT

(Rs. in lakhs)

Town	Amt. released upto June, '87
Sanctioned prior to 7th Plan	
1. Hajipur	42.18
2. Gopalganj	21.15
3. Saharasa	4.00
4. Daltonganj	30.00
5. Chapra	10.00
6. Dumka	18.50
7. Chaibasa	30.50
8. Begusarai	40.00
9. Deoghar	40.00
10. Arrah	26.00
11. Hazaribagh	34.20
12. Bettiah	36.37
13. Giridih	30.70
14. Dhanvad	34.91
15. Katihar	27.70
Sanctioned during 7th Plan	
1. Siwan	27.22
2. Krishanganj	31.43
3. Sitamarhi	10.50
4. Buxer	20.00
5. Purnia	25.86
6. Nawadah	14.39
Total	556.11

State Housing Ministers Conference

*94. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stressed the need to speed up the work relating to housing during the recent State Housing Ministers' conference held during May this year;

(b) what are the details of the outcome of the conference and whether the State Governments have sent their comments and suggestions in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and further steps taken to boost the housing activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 24 resolutions dealing with various aspects of housing, with special emphasis on devising suitable policies and programmes to promote and step up housing for the poor, the economically weaker sections and the low income groups, were adopted by the Conference. The Resolutions have already been forwarded to State Governments and UT Administrations for appropriate follow-up action.

(c) Various measures like formulation of a detailed National Housing Policy, setting up of National Housing Bank and housing finance intermediaries, launching of IYSH National demonstration projects in the context of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless-1987, review of certain laws affecting housing activity, etc. have been undertaken or are under way.

Formulation of a national water policy

*95. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Water Policy to overcome the drought which is prevailing in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether it will solve the inter-state problem of water sharing also?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The National Water Policy, which is under formula-